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### In Brief . . .

- **Professional Excellence 2004, May 19th**

The Oregon Federal Executive Board (OFEB) will host its annual Professional Excellence forum **May 19th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building, Room 272 in Portland. Consultant Larry Briggs, featured in last year's PE 2003, will return with new insights into leveraging one's personal success by helping others reach goals while contributing to the future health of their organization. This eye-opening day will be valuable for both personnel professionals working on federal agency's succession plans, and federal employees intending to mentor colleagues while passing on knowledge as they move toward retirement or a new career. The cost for the entire day is only \$50. Lunch is not provided, but there is a GSA Café on the premises. Space is limited; go to our web site, download and complete a registration form and send it to Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-2070 (fax) or [mcecilia@pcez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com) to register today.

- **Most Fed Jobs Survive A-76 Contests**

Federal employees, it turns out, fare amazingly well when pitted against contractors in public-private job competitions. In 2003, 89 percent of federal jobs that were subject to a full competition, or streamlined competition, remained in-house according to a Feb. 27 report by the General Accounting Office ([GAO-04-367](#)). That number trumps an already convincing 75 percent success rate for employees in 2002. The numbers were drawn from competitions held by six large departments that, combined, comprise 84 percent of the commercial positions in the executive branch. The GAO report offers no explanation for why federal employees fare so well, but several competitive sourcing officials think they have the answer: federal workers know their work well and do it at a relatively low cost. When pushed to head-to-head competitions with the private sector, government employees overwhelmingly come out on top. For the complete report, go to [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov) and search for it by the report number above.

- **Public Affairs Committee Meeting Features Local Homeland Security Update, April 30th**

The Oregon FEB's quarterly Public Affairs Committee meeting will review the latest progress by local federal agencies to collaborate together with state and local

governments to prepare for an emergency. Featured guests include Robert Jackson, Director of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration, and Ed Sale, Public Affairs Officer of DHS, Citizenship and Immigration Services. Also, a summary of the first FEMA/GSA Oregon Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Resource Partnership meeting, held March 10th, will be presented. All local federal public affairs or communications professionals are invited. The meeting will be held **April 30th, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building, Room 315 in Portland. Please contact Jeff Sargent at 503-326-3030 or [jsargent@pcez.com](mailto:jsargent@pcez.com) if you plan to attend.

- **General Membership Meeting Rescheduled**

The Oregon FEB spring General Membership Meeting will be rescheduled, tentatively to **May 26th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**, in the effort to gain participation from Oregon and Washington Congressional representatives on recess that week. The first half of the two-hour agenda should feature a local federal judge (to be determined) to discuss the implications of some recent high-profile legal rulings, while the second half is intended to be a forum with local Congressional representatives discussing the upcoming election and the potential impact on the federal workforce of either a Bush or Kerry win. Check this newsletter and the OFEB web site for more details in the coming weeks.

- **Nat'l Former P.O.W. Recognition Day, April 9th**

On April 9, 1942, a starving and exhausted US force at Bataan in the Philippines surrendered to the invading Japanese. The next day, more than 10,000 American soldiers, along with thousands of Filipinos, began the infamous Bataan "Death March." One thousand American soldiers died during the 63-mile ordeal. The survivors became Prisoners of War; a third of them died before the war's end.

The Department of Veterans Affairs wants to reach Former POWs to be sure they are receiving all the benefits they deserve and have earned. Anyone who knows a Former POW should encourage him or her to contact either the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000, their local veterans service organization, or a county veterans service officer.

## OFEB CALENDAR

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<b>4/7, 2-4 p.m.</b>	<b>ADR/Shared Neutrals Committee</b>
<p>Monthly board meeting of the OFEB's free alternative dispute resolution services for federal, state and local governments.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Floor Portland, OR 97204</p>	
<b>4/8, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon</b>	<b>Minority Business Committee</b>
<p>Monthly meeting to enhance opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses to earn govt. contracts.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Port of Portland 121 NW Everett St. Portland, OR 97209</p>	
<b>4/9, 12-1 p.m.</b>	<b>Introduction to Financial Planning</b>
<p><b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> "Brown bag" lunch session that review the fundamentals of the TSP, mutual funds, and how they can contribute to a healthy retirement portfolio. If you have already enrolled, the agenda can be found on our web site, at <a href="http://www.oregon.feb.gov">www.oregon.feb.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave, #401 Portland, OR 97204</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free</p>	
<b>4/27-28, 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>CSRS Retirement &amp; Estate Planning</b>
<p><b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> Experienced trainers offer in-depth insight into what you need to do to build and protect your retirement savings.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Room 272, Portland</p> <p>Day 1: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (registration 8:00 a.m.) Day 2: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$100 for federal employees, \$40 for non-federal spouses. To register, contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or <a href="mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com">mcecilia@pcez.com</a>.</p>	
<b>4/30, 9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Public Affairs Committee</b>
<p>Quarterly meeting of local federal public affairs professionals. Agenda will feature updates from Dept. of Homeland Security Agencies, and a summary of the first FEMA/GSA Oregon Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Resource Partnership meeting, held March 10th.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #315 Portland, OR 97204</p>	



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## FEDERAL AGENCY FOCUS

**Agency Name:** Corvallis Forestry Sciences

**Laboratory**

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**Service Area:** States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska with some national and international programs.

**Agency Purpose:** The Corvallis Forestry Sciences Laboratory is part of the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, which is headquartered in Portland under the direction of Thomas Quigley. Our goals are to: 1) develop a fundamental understanding of ecological, social, and economic systems and their interactions; 2) assess the status and trends of ecosystems and natural resources and their uses; 3) develop science-based options that enhance management; and 4) communicate science findings and enhance their application.

**Mission:** To generate and communicate scientific knowledge that helps people understand and make informed choices about people, natural resources, and the environment.

**Local Programs:** The lab is located on the campus of Oregon State University and is the largest natural resources research laboratory in the Forest Service. Six of the PNW Station's seven research programs reside in Corvallis, carried out by 105 scientists and support staff. Lab scientists share ideas and research with other partners located in the building, including Oregon State University, College of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, and the USGS Biological Research Division, Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center (FRESC). Research teams also partner with more than 10 national forests in three states as well as the BLM, several universities, and the State of Oregon. Areas of emphasis include aquatic, riparian, and fisheries biology, climate change, ecological approaches to forest management, forest insects and diseases, fire science, forest ecology, socioeconomic aspects of land use and land owner behaviors, rural urban wildland interactions, forest fungi, and forest management across mixed ownerships. In addition, scientists at the lab administer three experimental forests, the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility, and many Research Natural Areas.

## COMMITTEE CORNERS

### Policy Committee

**Next Mtg.:** June 10th, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor, Portland.

**News:** Meeting will review the May General Membership Meeting, and precede the new FEMA/GSA Oregon COOP Resource Partnership, which Policy Committee members will be welcomed.

### Administrative Services

**Next Mtg.:** June 9th, 8:30-10:00 a.m., location TBD.

**News:** Topics are still being discussed. The OFEB will also be conducting interviews with local federal HR Directors and Administrative Officers this month to establish a list of potential issues to highlight for the June meeting and beyond.

### Combined Federal Campaign

**News:** The deadline to accept applications from local charities to participate in the 2004 Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is Friday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. Please refer to the web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc) for applications, instructions and more details.

### Emergency Preparedness

**News:** The second FEMA/GSA Oregon COOP Resource Partnership meeting will be held June 10th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor in Portland.

### Employee Retention & Development

**News:** The Introductory Financial Planning class scheduled for April 9th at Duncan Plaza in Portland is full. Professional Excellence 2004 is coming May 19th (see the article page 1).

### Minority Business Opportunity

**Next Mtg.:** Apr. 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Port of Portland.

**News:** Continued planning for the 2004 MED Week Luncheon and Trade Fair, as well as discussion of other training options throughout the year.

### Public Affairs

**Next Mtg.:** Apr. 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Green-Wyatt, #315.

**News:** Featuring updates from Dept. of Homeland Security Agencies on progress collaborating on emergency preparedness, and a report on the first FEMA/GSA Oregon COOP Resource Partnership meeting (see page 1.)

### Shared Neutrals/ADR

**Next Mtg.:** Apr. 7, 2-4 p.m., Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th floor, Portland.

**News:** Topics will include the 2004 Annual Meeting, the Strategic Plan, and continued refinement to data analysis.

## OFEB Policy Committee Officers

### OFEB Chair:

Cathy Callahan, National Labor Relations Board

### Vice-Chair:

Jerry Lorang, Veterans Affairs Regional Office

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